

Resume of Ashley N. Benton

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Education: BA, Miami University, Oxford, OH

I have been involved in the development, revision, and implementation of schoolwide and improvement plans for charter schools as a Grants Consultant since 2008, and prior to that I worked in a similar capacity for a traditional district in New Hampshire for several years. I have worked extensively with schools in the process of writing, revising, and implementing Schoolwide and Improvement Plans, through on-site school quality reviews, internal and external audits, and consultation with school improvement teams. My ongoing professional activities as they relate to ESEA and Title I include attendance at several conferences and forums both within Michigan and nationally. These include fall and spring attendance at forums conducted by the national education law firm Brustein & Manasevit, the National Title I Conference, extensive training on EDGAR with Bonnie Little, Esq., Brustein & Manasevit, and various events hosted by MDE, MAS/FPS, and ISDs. Additionally, I regularly read applicable Title I Compliance Insiders, non-regulatory guidance, and literature supplied by USDoE and MDE.

I have been responsible for ensuring that charter schools understand Title I, Part A programs, services, and legislation for four years, along with other state and federal grant programs. My experience includes providing technical and consultative support to schools on a variety of Title I-related components including the Schoolwide transition process, Consolidated Application process, School Improvement Plans, meeting Title I compliance requirements, and understanding research-based strategies.